

Command Chief Warrant Officer Chief Warrant Officer 5 David R. Holton

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1st Special Forces Command
(Airborne)

Prior to his selection as the 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) Command Chief Warrant Officer, Chief Warrant Officer 5 David R. Holton served as the Commandant of the Special Forces Warrant Officer Institute (Airborne) at the United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. From 2016 to 2018, he served as the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Command Chief Warrant Officer. From 2015 to 2016, he served as the Special Operations Joint Task Force – Afghanistan Operations Warrant and Senior Warrant Officer Advisor. From 2013 to 2014, he was a Military Fellow on the Chief of Staff of the Army's Strategic Studies Group.

Holton graduated from the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1992, and served as an Assistant Detachment Commander, Company Operations Warrant, Battalion Operations Warrant, and Group Operations Warrant within 10th Special Forces Group, both at Fort Carson, Colorado, and Stuttgart, Germany.

His military education includes all levels of Warrant Officer Professional Military Education, Special Forces Qualification Course, Ranger School, Static Line Jumpmaster Course, Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Course, Special Forces Advanced Reconnaissance Target Analysis and Exploitation Techniques Course, and the Advanced Special Operations Techniques Course.

His qualifications include the Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Military Free Fall Master Parachutist Badge, Air Assault Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, and Army Staff Identification Badge.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal (fifth award), Defense Meritorious Service Medal (third award), Meritorious Service Medal (fifth award), Joint Service Commendation Medal, and Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device.

In 2013, he graduated the National Defense University with a Master of Arts degree in Strategic Security Studies.

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